

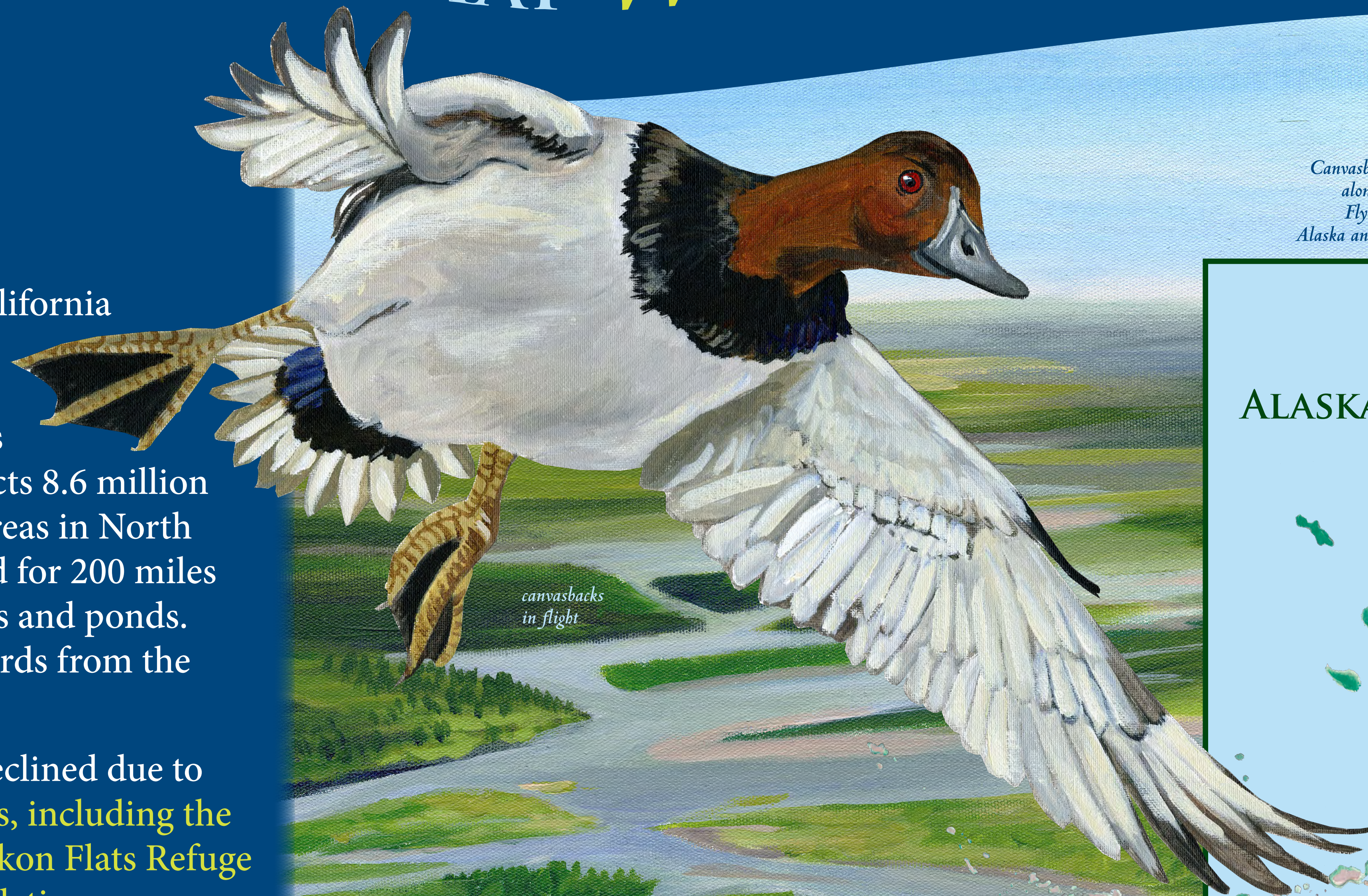
Wildlife REFUGES THAT *Work* TOGETHER

ALASKA

WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?

Many of the birds that spend their winters in California have long migration routes. At least one quarter of the canvasbacks you see here fly to Alaska to breed and spend their summers. The Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge in central Alaska protects 8.6 million acres of one of the greatest waterfowl breeding areas in North America. Here the Yukon River flows unconfined for 200 miles through a wide flood plain with over 40,000 lakes and ponds. It is the bustling seasonal home for millions of birds from the four North American flyways.

In the 1970s and '80s canvasback populations declined due to natural and human impacts. **Conservation efforts, including the creation of San Pablo Bay Refuge in 1970 and Yukon Flats Refuge in 1980, have helped to recover canvasback populations.**



canvasbacks
in flight



Canvasbacks migrate
along the Pacific
Flyway between
Alaska and California.



A NATIONAL NETWORK OF PUBLIC LANDS

Continuing a commitment to conservation, San Pablo Bay and Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuges are part of a national network of public lands helping to ensure that canvasbacks and other migratory birds flourish. Refuges like these two protect the integrity of the Pacific Flyway.

